



Raoulia grandiflora

Common Name(s):

Large-flowered mat daisy

Current Threat Status (2012):

Not Threatened

Distribution:

Endemic. North and South Islands from Mt Hikurangi south.

Habitat:

Upper montane to alpine. Usually amongst rocks and fellfield, rarely in ablation zones within herbfield.

Features*:

Stems woody at base, much-branched; branches and branchlets densely to rather loosely arranged, the plant forming cushions or mats up to c.150 mm diameter, occasionally of more open habit. Leaves densely imbricate, 5-10 × 1-2 mm, 3-nerved, ovate-lanceolate-spathulate, tapering to subacute tip, clad in upper part on both surfaces in appressed silvery tomentum, loosely tomentose near base. Capitula up to 15 mm diameter; inner series of involucre bracts linear, contracted near middle, obtuse, with conspicuous white radiate tips up to c. 5 mm long. Florets 25-45; female 8-15 with narrow slender corolla, perfect with funnelform corolla. Stylopodium prominent. Achenes < 1 mm. long, clad in silky hairs; pappus-hairs c. 5 mm long, stiff, slightly thickened at tips.

Flowering:

October - January

Fruiting:

December - May

Threats:

Not Threatened

***Attribution:**

Description adapted from Allan (1961).

References and further reading:

Allan, H.H. 1961: Flora of New Zealand. Vol. I, Government Printer, Wellington.

For more information, visit:

http://nzpcn.org.nz/flora_details.asp?ID=1248



Caption: *Raoulia grandiflora*
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Caption: *Raoulia grandifolia*
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